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BRIDGING THE GAP BETWEEN CAMPUS AND COMMUNITY

Computing Services drafts possible changes

Students could see
end to favorite
computer programs

By MARK EUSTON
CHIEF REPORTER

With the University's trimester long network troubles, Student Senate held a meeting Tuesday to address the problem.

Jon Rickman, vice president of information systems, fielded questions from Senate members for more than an hour.

"We have heard a lot of dis-

cussion on campus and a lot of concerns being voiced by students concerning the network stability," said Kara Karssen, Student Senate president. "It is often easy for us to rip on any of the communications. We wanted to provide (information systems personnel) with an opportunity to share what they have been doing and give Senate members an opportunity to voice their questions and get some answers."

Rickman said the cost of the planned changes, which include strengthening the firewall, will depend on how efficient they can make the registration process and how efficiently they are able to monitor student activities.

"It won't be free," Rickman said. "It is hard to put a value on the cost of having the Internet down as much as it has been down too."

One of the benefits of the planned changes is the reduction of Internet downtime.

"These changes that we talked about tonight will have a better effect in keeping the firewall stable than anything that we can do to the firewall itself," Rickman said.

The goal for information systems is to have the new changes implemented by the end of the spring.

"We have seen some voluntary cooperation since the newspaper article last week," Rickman said. "Mainly this

spring, we are going to have to build on that cooperation because there is a lot of this that will just take student cooperation for the rest of the semester."

Earlier in the year Microsoft Network (MSN) Messenger was a major contributing factor toward the current problem. Rickman said that MSN Messenger and programs like it were a problem because they took up much of the access to the Internet, and it was hard for other users to log on because of it.

"As the software is written with a community of users in mind, we will try to keep it running," Rickman said. "Anytime that (students) are not concerned (please see 'Computers' page 5A)



PHOTO BY ADAM HUNT/MISSOURIAN PHOTOGRAPHER
Jon Rickman fields questions about campus network problems from Student Senate Tuesday. "The Northwest campus can't advance the network until the current network is stable for all users," Rickman said.

Taking it to the rack

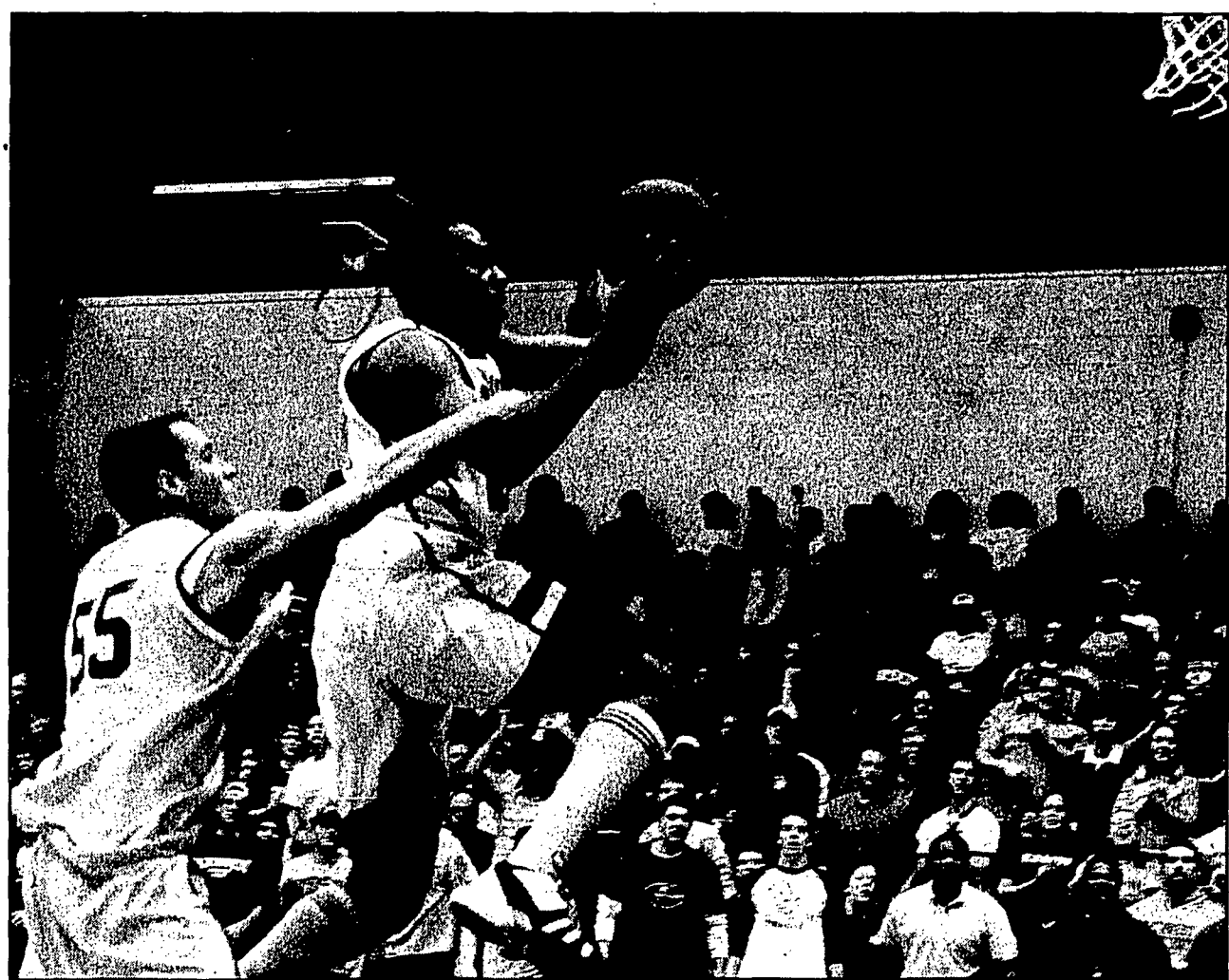


PHOTO BY MICHAELA KANGER/CONTRIBUTING PHOTOGRAPHER
Senior forward Jelani Walker goes up for the lay up while being fouled. Walker made the lay up and proceeded to make his free throw during the men's 92-82 victory over Emporia State University. With the Northwest win and a Washburn University victory over Missouri Western State College, Wednesday night, the 'Cats assumed full possession of second place in the MIAA. For full coverage of the action Wednesday night go to page B1.

Fraternity receives award from national headquarters

Kappa Kappa Psi earns award again

By PETE GUTSCHENRITTER
UNIVERSITY NEWS EDITOR

The Northwest chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi, a fraternity for college band members, has a reason to toot its horn.

The fraternity received the Chapter Leadership Award for the 2001-2002 biennium from its national headquarters. The award comes after winning the 1998-1999 and 1999-2000 awards.

Kappa Kappa Psi, a coed fraternity, was established at Northwest in 1995. Since that period, the fraternity has soared with 30 members and 15 prospective members.

Chapter President Carrie Shuck said the award came as a shock.

"It was surprising," Shuck said. "As a chapter, we do the job to serve the bands. It was never our intention to win

awards, but it's nice."

The award qualifies the fraternity for the William A. Scroggs Founder's Trophy, which will be presented at the national convention in Norfolk, Va. The national board nominates 12 chapters throughout the country, Shuck said.

Shuck told members the news about the award Monday evening.

"They were really excited," Shuck said.

Brian Dorn, Midwest District President of Kappa Kappa Psi, told Shuck about the award last week.

Dorn said the Northwest chapter is in a class by itself.

"They're within the top 8 percent of all chapters in the country," Dorn said. "They'll make a presentation this summer. Last time they won it, and if they get it again, it will be unprecedented."

During the football season,

the fraternity serves water and chips for all members of the band, and they also serve breakfast for members on special occasions. One such occasion was the morning of the Kansas City Chiefs game at which the band performed at.

Throughout the year, the fraternity organizes the band room, and they set up the wind symphony room.

"Our focus is University bands," Shuck said. "I really enjoy it because it focuses on something that I love to do."

Rusty Ethridge, vice president of membership, said the award is only part of what they do.

"Winning the award isn't a goal," Ethridge said. "It's just a result of what we do."

Ethridge said he takes pride in what he does.

"I enjoy (the fraternity)," Ethridge (Please see 'Award' page 5A)

"Last time they won it, and if they win it again, it would be unprecedented."

BRIAN DORN
MIDWEST DISTRICT PRESIDENT OF KAPPA KAPPA PSI

Speaker delivers message of diversity

Casey tells students to cherish Northwest

By MICHELLE STACY
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

A motivational speaker discussed diversity in America to a packed audience of Northwest students and faculty at the Conference Center Tuesday evening.

Carey Casey, president of the National Fellowship of Christian Athletes Foundation, entertained the audience through wild movements and funny jokes.

Casey spoke about stories from his own experiences with racism and lessons he has learned in life. He stressed the importance of equality among all races.

"Every culture is valuable," Casey said. "Until you begin to be secure in who you are, you can't really make the impact that God put you on this earth to

make."

Casey also spoke about the importance of racial acceptance and the importance at Northwest.

"If you are in a situation on this campus where you are coming here to say 'I'm going to do my studying, I'm going to get

what I want and need and just leave this place,' you are going to miss the richness and greatness of Northwest Missouri State University," Casey said.

Casey raised the question to the audience, "There's greatness in this room, but will you rise and really realize that?"

After the lecture, Casey answered questions from the audience.

Casey became involved in

FCA in junior high and continued through his years as a student-athlete at the University of North Carolina.

Casey has led FCA in partnerships with various associations, including America's Promise with Secretary of State Colin Powell and the National Drug

Control Policy with Barry R. McCaffrey.

Casey is listed in "Who's Who in Black America" and is the recipient of the Dallas NAACP Juanita Craft Award.

Casey's presentation was part of the Ploghoff Diversity Lecture Series. The series, occurring twice a year, brings speakers to Northwest who have experience in racial balance and internationalism.

"There's greatness in this room, but will you rise and really realize that?"

CAREY CASEY
PRESIDENT OF NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP
OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES FOUNDATION



PHOTO BY KARA SWINK/WEB LIAISON
Carey Casey, president of the National Fellowship of Christian Athletes Foundation talks to students and faculty Tuesday evening about diversity. "When it comes to diversity, it doesn't matter if you're red, yellow, black or white," he said.

Safety comes first in Maryville

Various facilities have fire and emergency plan

By ABBY SIMONS
MANAGING EDITOR

While residence halls, care centers and drinking establishments share little in common, uniting them as one is the concern for fire and emergency safety.

Planning ahead has once again taken precedence in the minds of Americans in the wake of three tragedies occurring within heavily occupied establishments.

The events, each taking place within the last two weeks, have prompted quick action by local officials and business owners to review the effectiveness of their emergency planning as well as how safe their patrons are.

Last week's inferno at the Station nightclub in West

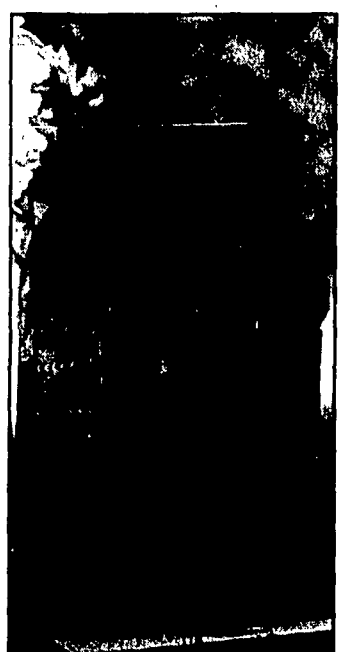


PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY JOSH WHERRY/MULTIMEDIA DIRECTOR
Warwick, R.I., killed 96 people and injured more than 200. The Rhode Island fire came less than a week after 21 people (Please see 'Safety' page 5A)

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Julian explains the Student Union's taco salads, the smiley face stickers outside of Colden Hall, how to find a man and information on the rumors about a "Women of Wells Hall" calendar.

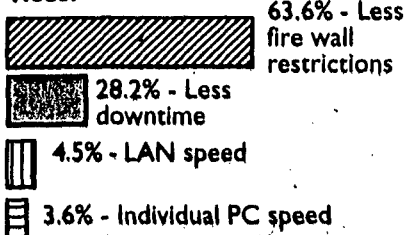
He will reveal all in this week's Ask Julian.



Is it worth your time to watch "Married by America"? And what's the deal with the Baywatch reunion movie? Also, read about the new season of "Crank Yankers" on the Buzz.

Poll question:

What would you improve about Computing Services?



This week's poll question:

Do you think President George W. Bush should debate Saddam Hussein?

- Yes
- No
- I don't care
- It probably won't solve anything

Irish dialect to hit the stage

By PETE GUTSCHENRITTER
UNIVERSITY NEWS EDITOR

After more than one month of adapting to Irish dialect and dancing, Northwest theater students will present "Dancing at Lughnasa" Feb. 27-March 2.

The eight-member crew has been practicing since the week of Jan. 13 after receiving their scripts in mid-December.

Director Joe Kreizinger said the play has been going well.

"We're in the final stages," Kreizinger said. "All we're doing now is adding costumes and painting. It's been going very smooth, and the crew has been very cooperative."

The crew portrays an Irish family from the pre-World War II era. The play takes place at the Festival of Lughnasa where the family struggles for happiness.

Kreizinger said one of the main goals was to have each character play into their own roles.

"We studied Ireland quite a bit," Kreizinger said. "We talked to people from Ireland. We tried to get into the period."

Theater major Rachel Melton said the play has been tough at times but is hopeful it will go well.

"The rehearsals have been going really well," Melton said. "It's been a lot of work, but I think the show is ready to go."

Melton, who plays the part of Maggie Mundy, said the cast has been practicing 20-25 hours per week.

Adapting to the dialect has been a struggle, theatre major Hannah Barfoot said.

"(The dialect) has been hard to do, but Reid (Kirchhoff), our dialect coach, has done a great job," Barfoot said.

Barfoot, who plays the role of Kate Mundy, said Kirchhoff worked with the entire crew before rehearsals, and he made them tapes to work on the Irish dialect.

Barfoot said dancing has been another difficult part of the play.

"There's only two dances, but in one scene, all five sisters are dancing to a song," Barfoot said. "Only one of us has had any dance experience, so it's been a new experience."

Not only did Kirchhoff conduct rehearsals to practice the Irish dialect, but he also played a major role in the production.

Kirchhoff said teaching the Irish dialect was a new experience.

"I was scared as hell at first,"



Rachel Melton and Hannah Barfoot tune into the radio during a scene at their home. Melton and Barfoot play the parts of Maggie and Kate Mundy in the play that takes place in pre-World War II Ireland. The eight-member crew has been practicing for six weeks.

Kirchhoff said. "We were assigned a technical role in the production, and my role was the dialect coach. I have never done this before, and I didn't want the jobs to conflict."

Kirchhoff, who plays the part of Father Jack, said everyone was

adapting well to the dialect.

"It's been a tremendous production," Kirchhoff said. "Some people had more difficulty with it than others. My goal was to have people notice (the dialect) but not focus on it throughout the show."

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The production is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Feb. 27-March 1 and at 2 p.m. March 2 at Mary Linn Auditorium.

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New policy manages cell phone usage

By SARAH SWEDBERG
CHIEF REPORTER

Northwest administrators and staff must now receive approval from their cabinet member before they are given a cell phone for business use.

At President Dean Hubbard's cabinet meeting on Jan. 27, the deans placed management of cell phones into a written policy.

The new policy makes paying for each department's cell phone plans easier, and it saves the University money.

Under the new policy, each administrator or staff member would need approval to have a new cell phone service or to have the most efficient coverage area, vendor and plan.

"I think we, as the senior administrators, wanted to ensure that we were being efficient as possible in our cell phone uses," said Provost Taylor Barnes.

The number of minutes the individual department would receive for the phones would be shared.

"We could have a more efficient contract service with the same vendors if we were to regroup some of the cell phones under an umbrella number of minutes so that several people are sharing the same minutes on their cell phone," said Jon Rickman, vice president for information systems.

Rickman also said administrators or staff members needing a cell phone will have their own phone and phone number. But six people may share a cell phone and its plan.

The University will pay the bill as long as it is University business.

The former policy allowed administrators or staff members to be reimbursed for their own cell phone plan and business usage.

Before Jan. 27, the cabinet members reviewed the cell phone expenditures to determine the best cell phone policy.

The University tried to bid for its administrative and staff cell phone services. However, they could not grasp bids for the Maryville region through the state purchasing department.

Right now, Northwest is one of the only universities where cell phone vendors did not respond to a bid. This leaves Northwest out of the group of universities and cities that are covered by the state contract.

Because of this factor, Northwest uses almost all the cell phone providers in Maryville such as Northwest Cellular, Cellular One and Sprint.

Rickman said that using a number of different vendors could be costly but more favorable for the needs of each department.

Currently the University has more than 80 cell phones that they finance. Departments such as student affairs, information systems, admissions, environmental services and the construction management groups are the most common groups to use cell phones.

"We are not doing things significantly different," Barnes said. "We are looking for cabinet level approval for future expenditures."

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Annual Drag show to inform and entertain students about diversity

By PETE GUTSCHENRITTER
UNIVERSITY NEWS EDITOR

Students looking for fun, excitement and drag queens will have to look no further than the Student Union Ballroom Friday as Common Ground hosts the fourth annual Drag and Dance Show.

While the show is designed to provide entertainment for the University, there is another meaning behind the event to bridge the gap between people of different sexual orientations.

Lauren Leach, assistant professor in family and consumer science, said the event draws a lot of people.

"The drag show seems to be our

most popular activity," Leach said. "We have other events, but the drag show seems to draw more attention because it's more celebratory."

The drag show will feature three drag queens from Kansas City, Mo., and three local drag queens. A mystery faculty member will also perform at the show.

Ashley Cunningham, Common Ground president, said it should be a good night.

"The drag show is nice because you get a chance to kick back and have some fun but still do good for people," she said.

All the proceeds from the event go to the Children and Family Center of

Northwest Missouri. In recent years, the event has raised anywhere from \$700-\$1,200 at the event.

Along with the drag show, Common Ground also hosts National Coming Out Week, World AIDS Day and National Day of Silence in the spring.

Cunningham said Common Ground does good things for its members.

"I think it gives visibility to people who wouldn't otherwise be seen," Cunningham said. "And it gives people a place to do things supporting who they are and get involved in campus."

Leach, who is in her first year with

Common Ground, said the group will gain more attention.

"I think it will (grow) because the drag show attracts attention to a good cause," Leach said. "But it allows us to look at the rights of gays and lesbians. It allows us to address those issues."

The gay-lesbian discrimination clause at Northwest was added to the University's official clause four years ago. Before that time, there was nothing that stated discriminating against gays and lesbians was unacceptable at Northwest.

Leach said there is still a lot of work that needs to be done in order to bridge the gap completely.

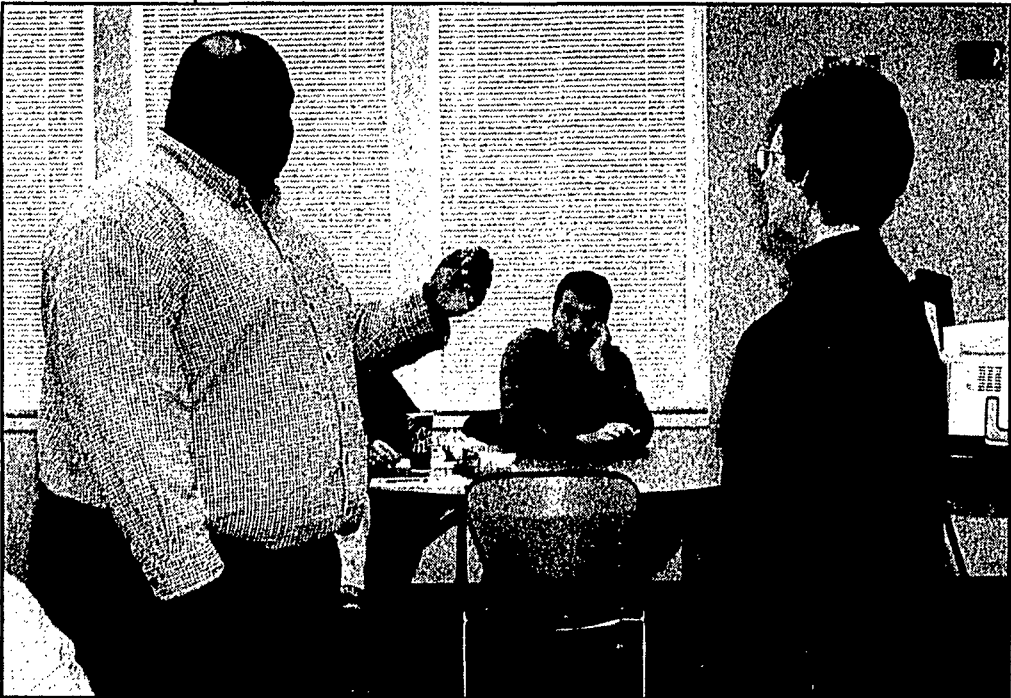
"This is a group where we've seen

so much discrimination, and it is my belief to have human rights," Leach said. "If this were a fair world, (people with different sexual orientations) wouldn't have to wake up every day and screw up their courage."

Cunningham said everyone must be in it together.

"(Participating in Common Ground) is a chance to promote diversity on campus and a chance to just hang out with a lot of really great people while working towards the same thing."

The Drag and Dance Show will begin at 8 p.m. Friday with doors opening at 7 p.m. The cost is \$5, and free HIV testing will be available.



Clarence Green, director of Campus Safety, and Nancy Baxter, health and safety committee member, during a discussion on self-defense during Health and Safety Week.

Sessions offer safety tips for students

By SARAH SWEDBERG
CHIEF REPORTER

Northwest's health and safety committee hosted a week of activities to bring awareness to students, faculty, staff and community members on different health and safety issues.

"Without health and safety, we could have chaos," said Nancy Baxter, health and safety committee member.

Sessions offered this week included personal safety, weather safety, stress relief and healthy choices.

Each event gave participants hands-on experience.

"You never know when you are going to come to a situation that you are not quite sure how you are going to handle it," said Northwest student Renny Vandeweghe. "So if you have a little background information, it helps to make quick decisions and to keep you safe."

Clarence Green, Campus Safety director, presented ways to handle confrontation as well as dif-

ferent self-defense techniques Monday.

"It's great when we have people who can recognize those signs and symptoms and hopefully de-escalate some of that anger in order to move it to more positive energy," Green said.

Michael Hudson, meteorologist from the National Weather Service, came to discuss weather safety Tuesday.

"I think it is important to know what counties surround Nodaway County because if there are warnings coming out for severe storms, they are going to be issued by county name," Hudson said. "This helps you to be proactive in not getting caught in them."

Area specialists supplied their services including yoga, reflexology and meditation to relieve everyday stress Wednesday, and University Health Center and ARAMARK representatives informed participants on how to make healthy food choices Thursday.

"I think it is good to have a concentrated week-long event because I think it helps bring a little focus to several different health and safety issues," said Staci Goetz, health and safety committee member.

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Town begins preparing for war

By STEPHANIE SUCKOW
COMMUNITY NEWS EDITOR

Preparations for war have reached beyond the floors of the White House and into local schools and churches as they try to prepare students and residents for the possibility of war.

Local teachers have begun working with their students to help them better understand the events occurring around them.

"We've been using a balance of preparation based on the ages of the students," said Steve Klotz, assistant principal at Eugene Field Elementary. "The students are young, but many of the fourth grade students do have some ability to understand the impact. It all deals with age, maturity and intellectual ability of the student."

Klotz is confident that the teachers on staff are mature adults who know how to work with the kids on important issues going on in the world as they continue to happen.

"We already have students and staff that have been affected," Klotz said. "And we know that this is only going to continue to happen."

Maryville Middle School has also had to deal with students

whose parents have been called to action.

"I have a student in my [homeroom] whose father got called up," said Mary Walkup Matthews, language arts teacher at Maryville Middle School. "I have talked with this student and her mother. The father is in charge of transportation, so hopefully [he] will not be on the front lines when the war does start."

Matthews has kept her students informed about issues regarding the war by going over local newspapers with the students.

"We now and then discuss the war possibility if it is mentioned in the Thursday paper we get," Matthews said. "I haven't really talked with them much other than that because I do not want to alarm them."

Churches in the community are also getting involved to provide support for their members.

St. Gregory's Catholic Church has been using prayer and literature to support local members that have been affected.

"We met in January for nine days to pray for peace," said Sue Dorrel, business manager. "Now, we have a group called Just Faith that has been providing literature discussing issues

that we are being faced with on tables inside the church."

Hope Lutheran Church is also providing support to those affected by the war by praying for the soldiers every Sunday. According to Chris Droegemueller, two members of their congregation, a man enlisted in the Marines and a man who works with helicopters, have been called to war.

"Right now, we pray for those involved every Sunday," Droegemueller said. "If war does occur and people are uptight, such as the women who may have sons involved, we may start something else for support."

Support groups have already been established by the American Red Cross to help those that are already dealing with the deployment of family members.

Presently, the American Red Cross office in St. Joseph is the site for family meetings.

"Right now, we are only holding meetings in St. Joseph," said Kara Long, emergency services director. "If there is enough interest in Maryville, though we can definitely start something up to help those in need. If people at these meetings want to be supplied with a place for support, we'll begin one."



Joan Jackson, post office clerk, lowers the flag before it is folded and put away for the night. "I see more flags now, especially after 9/11," she said. "People want to show their patriotism."

Legislators to meet, discuss Maryville

By MARY BOSSUNG
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Five members of the legislative affairs committee of the Maryville Chamber of Commerce met at Watkins True Value at 7:30 a.m. Friday to finalize details for a trip to Jefferson City.

Every year, members of the Chamber of Commerce and community leaders visit the state Capitol to meet with legislators and discuss issues concerning Nodaway County and the city of Maryville.

"I think that it is very necessary for (Maryville and Nodaway County) to be represented," said Kay Wilson, chair of the legislative affairs committee.

This year's trip is scheduled for March 4 and 5. The group will take a bus to Jefferson City Tuesday, March 4. Upon arrival they will split into groups and meet with legislators from different departments and committees to discuss issues and concerns.

A reception will be held at the Capitol Plaza Hotel for the legislators in the evening.

Since more than 90 new legislators have joined the House and Senate, Wilson wants them to remember Nodaway County and Maryville.

Wilson believes that legislators are unaware of or tend to forget the communities that are northwest of Kansas City, Mo.

The group traveling to the Capitol is going to concentrate on issues concerning the budget, mainly focusing on education funding.

"We hope to meet with key departments and leaders to discuss issues," Wilson said.

Prior to the trip, a legislative coffee will be held where Senator David Klindt and Representative Brad Lager will be visiting Maryville to update the community on what is happening at the Capitol and the effects that it has had on citizens.

The meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 28, at A&G Restaurant. For more information contact Kay Wilson at 562-4747.

Local organizations meet to improve look of community

By ALEXI GROOMOUTIS
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

One organization is working diligently to enhance and inform the Maryville community.

The Maryville Citizens for Community Action is an organization comprised of service group representatives and community volunteers who work to improve the Maryville community.

According to MCCA, its mission is to "achieve improved citizen involvement, upgrade the utilization of resources, help link resources and fa-

cilitate collaborative action in programs and projects designed to benefit the community."

"If someone new in the community wants to volunteer, we match them up with different organizations," MCCA President Lisa Luke said.

These different organizations include representatives from St. Gregory's School, St. Francis Hospital & Health Services, Maryville R-II School District and the Chamber of Commerce.

Representatives from a blend of civic groups collaborate with one another to not only promote their re-

spective organizations but to connect with the other volunteer organizations.

Linda Lajcak, chairwoman of the Nodaway chapter of Habitat for Humanity, said MCCA invited her to attend its meeting last Monday.

Lajcak briefly introduced Habitat's program to MCCA. She told the group that her organization needed inexpensive land and old houses. Lajcak said the MCCA meeting was beneficial because her organization is just getting on its feet.

"It helps by getting word out to other people that may be interested in joining and contributing to our goal," Lajcak said.

MCCA sponsors different projects designed to enhance the Maryville community such as Project Pride which encourages residents to beautify their property and keep it clean.

"Individuals are nominated for making outside improvements to their home and yard," Luke said. "We are looking to expand that to include businesses too."

In addition to project pride,

MCCA sponsors the Missouri Community Betterment Program.

"Every year we submit a book which highlights five projects from the community, and then we hold candidate forums to inform the community of upcoming election issues and candidates," Luke said.

MCCA meets once a month at the Maryville Chamber of Commerce Conference Room.

They welcome anyone who is interested in participating in the organization.

For more information contact Lisa Luke at 562-7933.



PHOTO BY KARA SWINK/WEB LIAISON
Alan Calfee from West Nodaway ranks his survival items in order of importance during Access 2000, an event held Feb. 13 on campus.

Conference helps students survive as a team lost at sea

Workshop builds team unity, promotes community service

By MARY BOSSUNG
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Students from northwest Missouri had their chance to play survivor at the "Lost At Sea" workshop, Feb. 13.

One hundred twenty-five seventh- and eighth-grade students and sponsors gathered in the Student Union Ballroom.

They represented eight counties including Nodaway, Atchison, Gentry, Worth, Holt, Dekalb, Andrew and Clinton.

The day-long event focused on teaching individual and team decision-making, effective communication and leadership skills.

Participants were given a scenario where they were stranded aboard a small, rubber life raft after their boat went down in flames.

They had to determine how they would survive only able to recover 15 items from the wreckage.

The students individually ranked the items in order of importance for survival.

Then the students formed groups and ranked the items as a team.

The activity was meant to show the students that results improve when they work together.

In addition to the scenario, the students were introduced to Sean Covey's book "Seven Habits of Highly Effective Teens."

Patrick Maupin of Branson, Mo., has been the workshop host for three years.

Brenda Emery, Access 2000 coordinator, believes that Maupin's humor-

ous approach at teaching keeps the students excited and eager about learning and participation.

"The middle school years are tough," Emery said. "We teach (the students) some really valuable skills."

Each school in the eight-county region was allowed to send a total of six students from the seventh and eighth grades to the workshop.

The schools were encouraged to look for students that are responsible, motivated, creative, and have decision-making and communication skills.

St. Gregory's School was one of the participating schools in Nodaway County.

Faculty members chose the students based on submitted applications and essays.

Sonja Henggeler, St. Gregory's principal, believes that the students enjoyed the workshop, and it gave them a great opportunity to learn

about community service.

The Northwest Regional Council of Governments created the Access 2000 program more than eight years ago.

The program provides educational services to students in grades six through 12 in 30 school districts in northwest Missouri.

It strives to promote rural economic career development in northwest Missouri, emphasizing career planning opportunities, community leadership and development and rural entrepreneurship training.

"Lost At Sea" is one of several activities Access 2000 provides for youth every year.

For more information about the Access 2000 program, contact Brenda Emery at 582-5121.

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Our View

A proud and accepting family

Common Ground's annual dance and drag show displays culture, teamwork and unity

Over the last decade a majority of Americans has come to accept what used to be known as unacceptable.

Not so long ago, homosexuality was kept out of homes, television entertainment, church and American culture in general. But over time, homosexuality has gained more widespread acceptance and continues to do so today.

No longer does the majority of the public have a problem with gays and lesbians being hired as salespeople, doctors, presidential cabinet members or being recruited into the Armed Forces.

In fact, those who do oppose the acceptance of homosexuals are now viewed and ridiculed as an intolerant minority.

In a *Los Angeles Times* poll published in 2000, 60 percent of people surveyed said they felt comfortable around gays and lesbians. This is a substantial turnaround from only 40 percent who felt that way in 1983 when only 30 percent knew an openly gay person at the time.

As more and more Americans embrace homosexuals for who they are, we at *The Northwest Missourian* applaud one organization that has been trying to reach out to gays and lesbians on campus and educate the Northwest community to raise awareness by promoting a realistic image.

Common Ground promotes and maintains a healthy and positive environment for gay, lesbian and bisexual individuals and their supporters. The organization's goal is to provide a network of support for its members and to help them develop a positive self image as well as achieve personal, social and educational goals throughout their lives.

This Friday, Common Ground will host its fourth annual Dance and Drag Show in the Student Union Ballroom to benefit the Children and Family Center of Northwest Missouri.

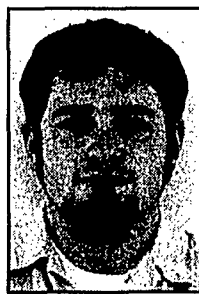
Hundreds of students and faculty have gathered each year to watch the show unfold. The performers traditionally lip-synch to various songs, and the tips from those viewing the show have always been donated to various charities designed to help the Maryville community.

While many rural colleges and universities side-step the issue of homosexuality on their campuses, Northwest has stepped outside the box, proving its dedication to creating a Northwest family.

We at *The Northwest Missourian* encourage students, alumni, faculty, staff and the community to attend this year's Dance and Drag Show not only to support the event for charity, but to show support for the individuals who have taken the leap and spoken out for the acceptance of homosexuality and its subculture.



The Fire this Time



JED MURR
MISSOURIAN
COLUMNIST

United States must take action against Israel

We've put up with this for too long. The United States must take action in the Middle East. The security of the region and the world is at stake. A dangerous regime with massive nuclear and chemical arsenals continues to flout international law and defy global consensus. At the behest of a terrorist leader, elite forces are killing innocent people—and the United States is the only nation on earth that has the power to change that.

I'm talking, of course, not about Iraq but about Israel. Israel's illegal military occupation of Palestinian territories, in

direct violation of explicit Security Council resolutions, continues with U.S. support into its 36th year.

The violence in the West Bank and the Gaza strip has steadily increased since Sept. 11 as Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon has used the U.S. "War on Terror" and continued Palestinian terrorism as cover for bulldozing homes and refugee camps and destroying Palestinian infrastructure.

Now, as the world focuses on Iraq, the violence is getting even worse. In the last week, at least 30 Palestinians, including unarmed civilians and medics, have been killed during Israeli offensives. In fact, over the last two months, the Israeli military has killed an average of four Palestinians per day.

The U.N. human rights commissioner censured Israel last week for the "indiscriminate use of force in civilian areas." Even the U.S. State Department was critical of this week's Israeli military operations. "We remain very concerned about civilian casualties especially among Palestinian children and young people," said a State Department spokesman. "These casualties continue to result from Israeli military actions."

Sharon dismisses European peace efforts as "anti-Israel." The implication is that anyone who criticizes Israeli policy is automatically anti-Semitic. Sharon had the same response when Belgium's Supreme Court ruled this month that he can be tried for genocide for the 1982 refugee camp massacre he commanded in Beirut.

The nightmare is getting even more bizarre: 9,000 Palestinians are being held without charge in Israeli prisons; Sharon is encouraging the Israeli people to outbreed the Palestinians; a million Palestinians are at risk of starvation; and it's predicted that Sharon will force the mass "transfer" of Palestinians, "transfer" being a gross euphemism for the brutal military expulsion of millions of people,

which has eerie historical precedents.

So, what can the United States do? The leaders of both sides of the conflict are well-known criminals, and in the middle, as always, are innocent people living in fear. The difference of course is that the United States provides one side of the conflict with massive aid. In fact, we spend more money per capita on each Israeli citizen every year than we spend on each U.S. citizen.

Israel has been in material breach of Security Council Resolution 242 for nearly 36 years, and the United States has continually defied international consensus by vetoing no less than 34 U.N. resolutions calling on Israel to follow international law—not to mention resolutions that call for making the Middle East a nuclear-free zone.

If President Bush were serious when he said, "Are security council resolutions to be honored or cast aside without consequence?" then Israeli noncompliance should be on the top of his list. As Ariel Sharon himself asserted last week, the United States is the only nation that matters in terms of Israeli policy.

The best way for the United States to begin to change public opinion in the Middle East and among our allies would be to push a solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. To do that, we can simply stop all aid to Israel until the conflict is resolved. We can tell Sharon, as the world long has, to stop the new settlements in Palestinian territories, return Israel to its 1967 U.N.-recognized borders, help create a self-ruled Palestinian state, and continue to focus on the internal security of Israel (using legal methods).

That resolution would not only drastically curb world opinion and give the United States at least a shred of credibility in terms of international law; it would also be a monumental step toward actual peace in the world's most volatile region.

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Your View

How do you feel about the Board of Regents' proposal to end all-you-can-drink specials?



"Students don't need to go to a bar to drink excessively, so what difference does it make if the bars profit from the specials?"

Ale Rojas
INTERNATIONAL
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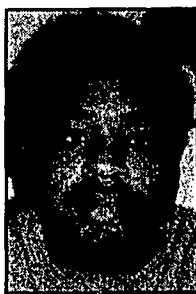
"I don't really care. I think if the bars want to offer those kinds of specials, it should be up to them."

Michael Beeman
UNDECIDED



"I'm fine with it because I don't drink, and I think it would lessen the issues on the weekends because someone doesn't need to drink the night away to have fun."

Rachel Ost
SOCIAL STUDIES
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"They shouldn't intervene because if it were a big enough problem, the city council would do something about it without having the board step in."

Reggie Smith
BROADCASTING



"Considering this is a dry campus, it would be in the campus's best interest to intervene."

Tammy Miller
ELEMENTARY
EDUCATION

Have something to say?

Dial 562-1980



"Michael Jackson gives me nightmares."

"I think that if the University were to lay sidewalk over the paths trampled in the ground by students, we'd probably go out of our way not to walk on them."

"We could have had Ani DiFranco."

Comments printed in Backtalk do not represent the views of *The Northwest Missourian*.

Letter to the Editor

Student disagrees with publishing of Backtalk comments, encourages stronger coverage

I am writing in regards to your evident concern for publishing comments without regard to their validity and the effects they cause on campus. I am specifically commenting upon articles from Backtalk. In your February 20th edition a statement regarding the appeasement of Student Senate president Kara Karssen as compared with student advocacy was totally out of line.

My main goal is not to argue the opinion that was published in the paper, but to make sure something like that is never published again. The mere publishing of this comment is a waste of space in a newspaper that intends on providing campus unity and delivering the facts. I am sick of articles that continuously stab at students and various organizations that have no validity whatsoever. The source for these columns come from people who do not have the facts, let alone the nerve to sign their name

along with their unsupported claims.

Instead of wasting that space to provide an attack against a Northwest student who does an insurmountable amount not only for your paper but also for this University, perhaps you could have covered more important events that actually encourage student involvement on campus.

Many people were unaware that last week Student Senate sponsored a forum to allow students to discuss issues with Linda Girard, registrar. There was a low attendance. If *The Northwest Missourian* used their printable space to publish more news items that affect students, more people would have been in attendance. Also, a student dialogue was held on two separate evenings to discuss whether or not the United States should go to war with Iraq. This is an important issue that affects everyone on this campus. Although mem-

bers of *The Missourian* were present during the event, I wish more coverage could have been provided prior to encourage more attendees.

All organizations also provide countless amounts of activities for students to become involved in. My suggestion for you is to try to spread your coverage and focus on these activities. I know you have limited space and cannot publish everything. As a solution, a possibility would be setting up a focus group to try and decide the best way to spread coverage of these events throughout your paper.

Also, I'm not arguing the need for public opinion. However, there is a much more tactful and professional way of going about it. Perhaps take into consideration the effects of publishing various comments that tear down individuals. The editor has control over what opinions are actually published. Therefore, everyone

should really question whether or not he or she would want unsupported, opinionated claims spread around campus about them. Most individuals would not want this to happen.

I am sure that most individuals and organizations would accept constructive criticism, but tearing them down only makes matters worse. Instead, an effort should be made to provide means for constructive criticism and edifying the work that these organizations do.

If you found there to be many similar opinions that would give you an indication that it needed to be addressed, why not choose this topic for discussion in Your View?

This section polls for public opinion while also providing a source of the information. If someone feels strong enough about an issue they should be able to claim their belief.

Perhaps *The Northwest Missourian* should really take time to reflect on

the direction they have envisioned for their paper. Recent comments are similar to things you would find in a tabloid. Personally, I believe that's not the direction *The Missourian* wants to go.

In my opinion, the sections like Backtalk have no validity and are a waste of space that could otherwise be used to encourage students to really play a role in student involvement.

However, until *The Missourian* realizes the affects of publishing unclaimed, invalid, opinionated slander towards respectable organizations and individuals, we will continue to see articles that tear down individuals and organizations rather than edifying the work that they do.

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Duct tape, plastic remain unsold

Maryville residents are in no rush to purchase safety supplies during war threat

By STEPHANIE SUCKOW
COMMUNITY NEWS EDITOR

Plastic sheeting and duct tape are still on the shelves in Maryville as the rest of the country stocks up in preparation for war.

"We haven't seen anyone buying anything like that," said Kenny Strauch, Woodruff-Arnold sales clerk. "That probably has something to do with us living in Maryville, Mo."

Although residents may not be stocking up on supplies to prepare for war, they are being cautious by saving their money. This may help the residents, but local businesses are feeling the consequence of this decision.

"Business is slow," Strauch said. "It seems everyone has a wait-and-see attitude when it comes to spending."

According to Strauch, prices

have been increasing on items pertaining to oil or petroleum, such as plastics and shingles, which could also be affecting business overall.

"We do have some concern for the business," Strauch said. "Prices are going up on products and gas, and now our suppliers are beginning to charge for deliveries. We're just going to have to see what happens."

O'Reilly Auto Parts has also seen the affects of the customer spending freezes.

"Business has slowed down quite a bit already," said Nathan Reasoner, parts specialist. "People are now holding on to their money."

Reasoner has also noticed an increase in the price of oil.

Northwest Ford Lincoln Mercury car dealership has a sense of security in knowing that they are selling a product that people will need even if war does occur.

"We're not really worried about lack of business because people are still going to need cars," Savage, sales employee said. "Our business fluctuates all the time with or without war. We look more to the lo-

cal economy and national economy and how those are affecting the interest rates on the vehicles."

Although Savage realizes that a poor economy will negatively affect his business, he doesn't want to see war being used to solve this problem.

"I'm worried it's just a war over economics," Savage said. "It scares me to think that we might be going to war in order to jump start the economy."

Local business employees have their own opinions regarding the involvement of Americans in the war.

"Personally, North Korea scares me far more than Saddam (Hussein)," Savage said. "We can't prove that Saddam is doing anything right now. I just don't understand why we are so hopped up. I'm a Vietnam War era veteran, and I just don't want to see that happen again."

Although Savage may not want to see it happen, Reasoner sees it as inevitable.

"It's going to happen sooner or later," Reasoner said. "They seem to be making that perfectly clear."

Flying High

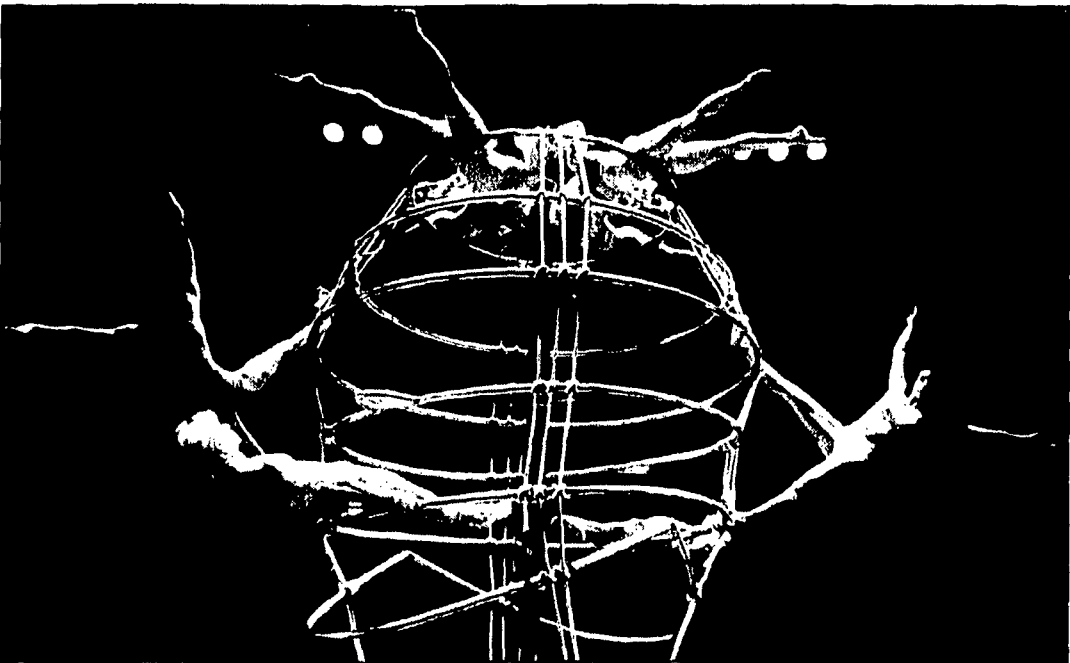


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Northwest will continue its Encore Performance Series with AEROS: The Illusion of Flight at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Mary Linn Auditorium. The combination of Olympic medal-winning gymnasts and internationally famous choreographers demonstrate a form of entertainment combining muscular strength, equilibrium and harmony. Tickets are \$18 for orchestra seating, \$16 for balcony and \$14 for children.

COMPUTERS from 1A

Changes include stronger firewall, less Internet downtime

with a community of users, we are going to have to take it off. Most everything that is tunneling (programs breaking the firewall) is going to have to come off, because we want that Web service to work when you want to use it."

One policy change is that programs such as Kazaa that are intended to illegally download music will no longer be allowed.

"I think there will be some (students) that understand that the community is more important than their own individual needs," Rickman said. "There will be some that feel that their individual needs are of the most importance."

Karsen said that some students will be disappointed that they can no longer download music.

"I think that students will be upset initially, but I think their motives are good," Karsen said. "If you talk to anybody in Computer Services, they are just trying to create as dependable of a network as they can. We have to keep in mind that it is going to take give and take on both sides."

Karsen said though students will have to give up some advan-

tages they have now, they will gain advantages such as a more reliable network.

"We have to keep in mind that sometimes we have to sacrifice certain things to have a more stable network," Karsen said. "Jon Rickman did highlight that it is very important the priority is given to educational things on campus. Of course, it is a living environment too, so we want to allow for everyone to enjoy where they are living, but we also want to make sure that when it comes to things that are associated with your education, we need to have a network that is reliable."

During the meeting the Senate proposed, presenting the new computing policies to the student body and to get feedback on how they felt.

"I think it is a very necessary part," Karsen said. "Sometimes we have concerns that we can address before it happens so that students feel like they were given an active role in making the policies and understanding what is happening, something that is very important to do."

Go to:

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to vote in *The Northwest Missourian's* poll about the possible network regulations.

Question: Are you in favor of the proposed network regulations and possible fees to better the Northwest network?

☐ Yes
☐ No

Make your voice heard!

However, some do not agree with Rickman and Karsen's point of view.

"We are paying to attend school here and use the computers," said Mike Phillips, agriculture major. "So we should be able to do what we want with them."

Others agree with Phillips. "I don't like it at all," said Suzanne Schuckman, undecided. "You can do anything that you want with your own computer."

SAFETY from 1A

Local facilities follow strict safety codes

were killed in a stampede at a Chicago nightclub.

The tragedies have led Maryville Public Safety's fire division to plan fire code inspections for next week at local bars. Included in the inspections will be the maintenance of standard safety features such as emergency lighting, proper electrical maintenance and accessibility to emergency exits.

Lt. Phil Rickabaugh, of the Maryville Public Safety fire division said making patrons aware of these features, particularly the location of all exits, are crucial in emergency planning for any situation where a crowd may be present.

"Naturally, the more people in occupancy of a building, the higher degree of your life safety is," Rickabaugh said. "Each building should be designed to have an adequate number of exits, and it's important to know where those exits are."

While proper safety procedure is vital to businesses with high occupancy levels, a Wednesday morning fire at a Hartford, Conn., nursing home that claimed the lives of 10 residents served as a reminder that permanent and temporary residential facilities are also at risk.

Wally Gray, administrator at Parkdale Manor Care Center in Maryville, said proper employee training, safety features and a strict fire code with regular checks has ensured preparation at the local nursing home in the event of a fire.

"The nursing home industry is

very stringent on its safety procedures to care for senior citizens," Gray said. "It can be time-consuming, but the reason we're in this business is to take care of people."

Gray said safety features at Parkdale Manor include smoke alarms installed every 20-30 feet, extinguishers, pull stations and fireproof smoke doors that close off areas of the facility in the event of a fire. Upon activation, fire alarms at Parkdale Manor automatically dispatch Public Safety. Most importantly, Gray said, is a properly trained staff to keep the care center's 57 residents safe.

"If our staff is well-trained, as we train our staff to be, then they will not panic in the event of an emergency," she said. "If they work with the residents calmly, then residents will feel safe and make it out safely."

In other residential facilities more prone to fire alarms, the safety features for students residing in Northwest's residence halls include fire extinguishers, emergency lighting, electronically monitored smoke detectors and two emergency exits to the stairwell on each floor. Scott Walk, health and safety manager for Northwest Environmental Services, said the safety of residents relies most importantly on knowing where to go and what to do.

"Our training to students is simply 'Get out of the building,'" Walk said. "Don't worry about possessions. Our emphasis is on the students, not on property."

Walk said that equipment is

monitored regularly and undergoes annual inspections. Resident assistants are also trained to knock on every resident's door in the event of a fire. Walk said the procedure is also vital in assuring that students evacuate quickly despite the increased number of false alarms throughout the year.

"Apathy is a huge concern for us," Walk said. "We do our very best to ensure as few false alarms as possible."

In the event of a fire, Walk advised students to know the number of doorframes to the emergency exit in case smoke blocks the vision. Staying low to the ground is also vital.

"Gases and smoke from a fire will kill you long before a fire ever will," Walk said. "Since they rise, stay low to the ground in order to avoid them as much as possible."

Rickabaugh said that proper observation and planning by patrons and residents not only of nightclubs, but of any business or residential facility with high occupancy levels, is crucial to safety and the prevention of tragedies.

"The recent events of Rhode Island and Chicago have really brought to our awareness how important planning is," he said. "It's a very simple thing to do. When you walk into a strange building, just take a few extra seconds to know where your secondary exits are. In the case of the Rhode Island tragedy, who knows how many lives would have been saved if people would have taken that into account."

AWARD from page 1A

Musical fraternity within top 8 percent of nation

said. "We like to go on trips to other chapters, and this summer, we're going to the national convention."

Not only will the group be going to the national convention, but they will also be going to another convention in Colorado.

Active member Emily Heisterkamp said the fraternity worked hard for this.

"I feel this award was very well

deserved," Heisterkamp said. "Our purpose is to serve the band. We've all come together for a common cause, for the love of music."

Heisterkamp, who has been involved for two years, said the fraternity comes together for one cause.

"We try to find new ways to serve the band," Heisterkamp said. "And we try to promote the unity of the group that we already have."

Overall, Dorn said the chapter at Northwest is different from the rest.

"The thing that is unique of (Kappa Kappa Psi) is everything they do can be rooted in the five things that the chapter stands for," he said. "They have a lot more focus in those areas, which makes them unique."

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Here's lookin' at you

Body Image Awareness Week promotes health and self-confidence

By MONICA CALDWELL
FEATURES EDITOR

Since Marilyn Monroe emerged as the epitome of femininity at a size 12 more than half a century ago, the American idea of body image has become a heavy focus for both sexes.

Today the average female model's size is an eight, even though the typical woman has a figure ranging between a size 12 and 14. The stigma attached to ideal weight and shape of both men and women has caused a rise in eating disorders and self-consciousness bordering on obsession.

Because of this intense focus on appearance, Northwest's peer education organization, Acceptance, is bringing Body Image Awareness Week to campus Feb. 23 through March 2.

Although commonly referred to as Eating Disorder Awareness Week, Acceptance co-president Betsy Burgess said they tried to avoid that here.

"We chose to call Body Image Awareness Week that because there is less stigma attached to it," she said. "Eating disorders scare people and is a negatively associated term."

However, eating disorders are an integral part of image awareness, and something to which many people are exposed at some point either directly or indirectly.

Anorexia nervosa, bulimia nervosa and binge eating make up the trio of most common disorders. Over 90 percent of those suffering from an eating disorder are female, and anorexia is the third most common chronic illness in

adolescent girls in the United States, affecting between 0.5 percent and 1 percent, according to the Human Services Office on Women's Health.

Anorexia is classified in part by a refusal to eat, extensive amounts of exercise, self-induced vomiting and a severe desire to be thin. Effects of anorexia are similar to those of starvation, and the disease can cause heart failure and osteoporosis, or a weakening of the bones. Approximately one in 10 women experiencing anorexia will die from starvation, cardiac arrest or other complications. In addition, bulimia will develop in half of all cases.

Like anorexia, one symptom of bulimia is self-induced vomiting, although it is preceded by the intake of a large quantity of food in a short time period. Bulimics also abuse laxatives and diet pills in an attempt to maintain a normal weight. Unlike anorexia, bulimia is harder to detect because most of those suffering from the disease are not abnormally thin and generally are able to binge and purge undetected.

Binge eating disorder is a somewhat new form of eating disorder, affecting between 0.7 percent and 4 percent of the general population, according to the Human Services Office. It is primarily identified by a compulsion to eat unusually large amounts of food, although purging does not follow it as with anorexia and bulimia.

While these disorders are typically associated with women, it has been found that up to one in four children referred to a specialist are boys, and the Human Services Of-

fice found that there is approximately one male case to 10 female cases with regards to eating disorders. Three women for every two men match the characteristics of binge eating as well.

Aside from eating disorders, image consciousness is also affected by the American media, which has pushed the bone-thin waif look to the forefront of fashion magazines and made it a standard in the acting and modeling industries.

Acceptance hopes to relieve some media misconceptions through Body Image Awareness Week.

"College students have been given the unrealistic and ideal body sense at a young age," said Burgess. "It is crucial for people to start challenging these images and learn to set their own healthy expectations through self-exploration and education."

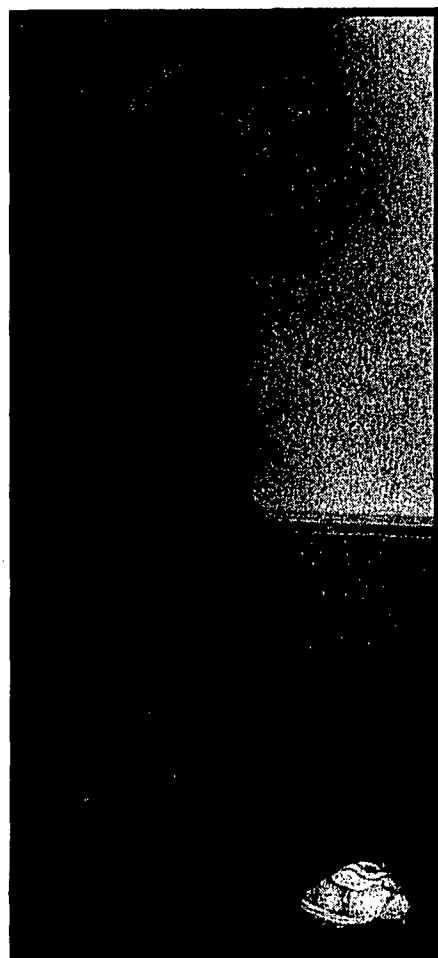
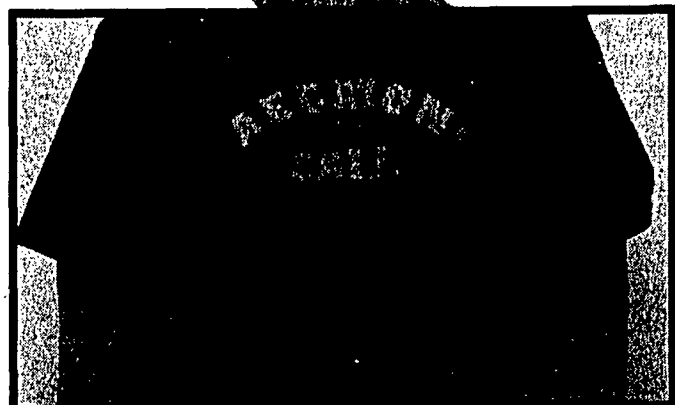
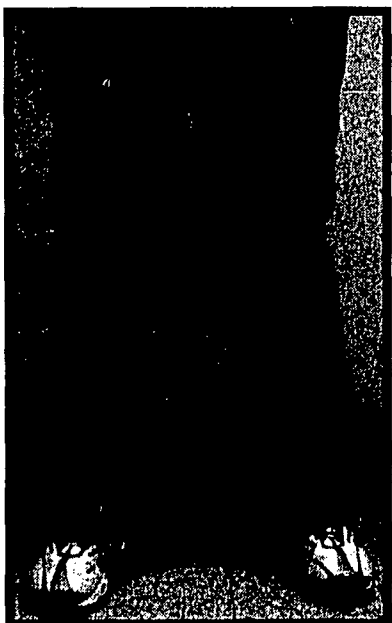
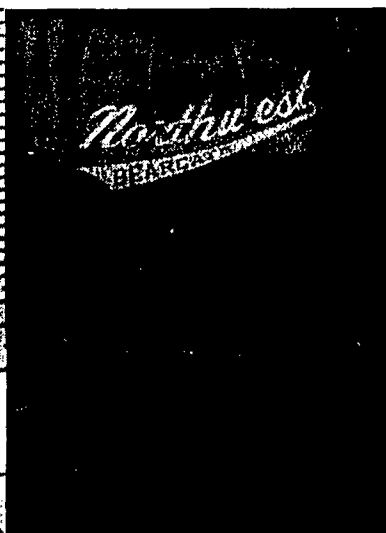
She said there are several ways

to maintain a healthy body image including:

- Getting adequate amounts of sleep
- Maintaining a moderate level and balance of aerobic and anaerobic exercise
- Achieving positive self-esteem
- Following the food pyramid guidelines
- Setting personal physical standards instead of pursuing those provided by society

"(This week) is dedicated to opening people's eyes to the problems we have as a society of being obsessed about our outward appearances," said Burgess.

In honor of the week, Acceptance is sponsoring a stress relief and relaxation night tonight from 5-7 p.m. in the Lakeview Room on the third floor of the Student Union. Participants will have the option of making stress relief balls and bath salts.



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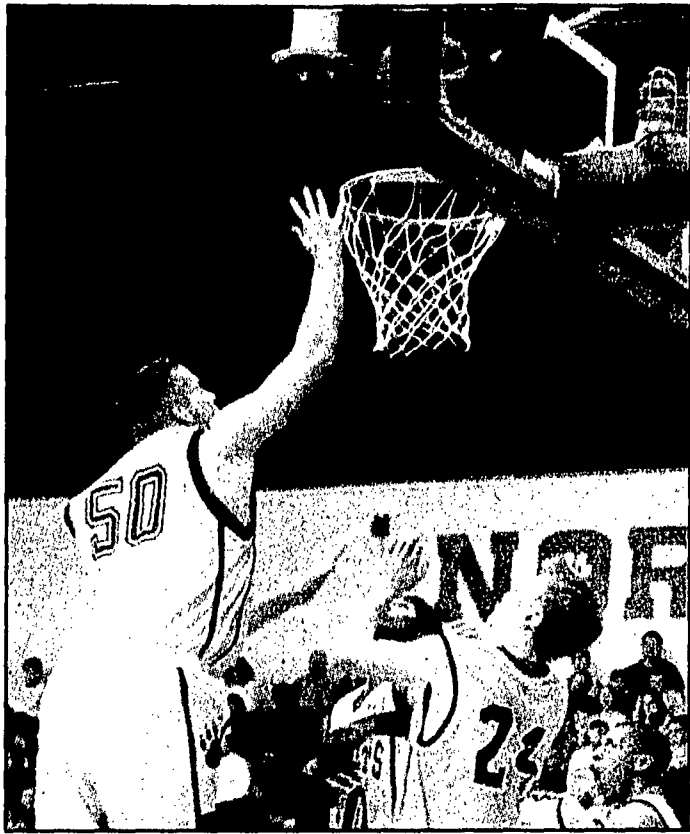
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'Cats take sole possession of second place

Win over Emporia State clears up conference standings for now

By COLE YOUNG
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The Northwest men were able to provide their seniors with a final victory on senior night, beating the Emporia State University Hornets 92-82.

From the start, senior Scott Fleming made his final home game memorable by scoring seven of the first nine points for the Bearcats.

"I never really thought senior night would be very emotional," Fleming said. "It was though, and that helped me come out

hot."

Fleming finished the game with 21 points, hitting nine out of ten from the free-throw line. More importantly for Northwest was Fleming's defense on MIAA Player of the Year candidate Robbie Ballard.

Ballard who scored 49 points in the previous meeting between the two schools was held to 27 last night.

"Scott Fleming is going to go down as one of the greatest players ever to play for Northwest," head coach Steve Tappmeyer said. "The thing he did tonight, though, was he is the guy that had Robbie Ballard. You can say that he had 27, but Robbie made some big plays towards the end. Scott did a lot to slow Ballard down."

One of the big plays caused the entire gym to have flash-

backs to the previous meeting when Northwest fell to Emporia 109-89.

With just over two minutes left, Ballard converted on a three-pointer only to have a foul called as well. Ballard's free throw was good, and Emporia pulled within five, 81-76.

"I about had to go for counseling after he hit the three," Tappmeyer said. "After he scores 49 and he drops a couple on you, you're like 'Oh man, is he capable of missing?' I think everyone in the gym thought 'Oh no, here we go again.'"

Ahead of Fleming in scoring was junior Kelvin Parker. Parker though, didn't get off to the same hot start. After a 1-5 start from the field, Parker was able to find his stroke and finish with a team-high 24 points.

"I went back to basic funda-

In depth: vs. Emporia St.

82	Score	92
40.7	Field goal pct.	41.7
8	3-point pct.	26
15	Total rebounds	5
	FT attempted	5
	FT made	
	Turnovers	
	Bench scoring	

mentals," Parker said. "I could hear my father up in the stands telling me to follow through, so I went back to the basics, and the shots started falling for me."

Fleming wasn't the only senior with a big night for the 'Cats. Jelani Walker and Joel Yeldell finished with 17 and 13

points, respectively.

Sophomore Jesse Shaw rounded out the double-digit scorers for Northwest with 10 points. Shaw also grabbed nine rebounds.

"Everybody talks about buckets and rebounds, but Jesse does a lot more than that," Tappmeyer said.

This was no more evident than after a crucial three-pointer, Shaw was able to grab two loose balls and call timeouts prolonging Northwest possessions.

Up next for Northwest is a matchup with archrival Missouri Western State College. Tip-off time is 7:30 p.m. in St. Joseph.

"If any of the players can't get up for this game they will when they see the crowd," Tappmeyer said.

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Oh, that woeful road

Rolla, Mo. - UMR
W 75 - 54

Emporia, Kan. - Emporia State
L 89 - 109

Joplin, Mo. - MSSC
L 75 - 78

Kirkville, Mo. - Truman
L 71 - 83

Pittsburg, Kan. - Pitt State
L 67 - 81

Duluth, Minn. - UMD
L 67 - 97

Bolivar, Mo. - SBU
W 80 - 74

Warrensburg, Mo. - CMSU
W 78 - 56

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The Bearcats have had their troubles away from Bearcat Arena this season. One game away from home remains.

By CLARK GRELL
SPORTS EDITOR

The Bearcats have one more game to play before the MIAA tournament — only one more game for the Bearcats to position themselves in the field of eight that will be playing in Kansas City, Mo.

However, in order to do that, the Bearcats must travel to St. Joseph and lock horns with Missouri Western State College.

That means getting away from Bearcat Arena where the 'Cats finished this season undefeated.

"We love playing at home," senior guard Jelani Walker said. "I've only lost one game since I've been here."

The same cannot be said about what happens away from Maryville.

It is no secret the Bearcats' success on the road has been a bit shaky this season.

A team that lost only one road game all last season en route to a conference championship has lost six road games this season, including five in the MIAA.

The Bearcats have lost by an average of 15 points in those six losses. The team is 0-4 when it trails at halftime on the road and is 2-5 when they make fewer three-pointers than their opponent in those games.

Unfortunately, opponent's individual performances have played a part in many of those losses.

In a 109-89 loss at Emporia State, the Hornets Robbie Ballard torched the 'Cats for 49 points. The

senior drained an MIAA record 13 three-pointers.

The Pittsburg State University duo Cedric Brooks and Jamey Richardson racked up 29 points apiece in an 81-67 victory for the Gorillas in Pittsburg, Kan.

However, the road has been kind to the Bearcats as of late.

After losing at Washburn University by 10 points, the Bearcats defeated Southwest Baptist University 80-74 in Bolivar. Last Saturday, the Bearcats earned a solid 76-58 win in Rolla over an up and coming Missouri-Rolla team.

"We've struggled early (on the road)," head coach Steve Tappmeyer said. "Now, we've won a few road games. There is that little bit of confidence that we can go on the road and win."

Tappmeyer said (Please see "Road woes" on page 2B)



PHOTO BY MICHAELA KANGER/CONTRIBUTING PHOTOGRAPHER
Freshman Laura Friederich gets ready to drive by Emporia State's Nicole Patry. Friederich scored 10 points in the win over the No. 22 Hornets, but it was senior Sarah Vollertsen that stole the show. She scored 20 points and grabbed 16 rebounds. It was her first double-double of the season.

Northwest picks up key win over Hornets

Strong inside effort from Vollertsen lifts Bearcats to 59-50 win over Hornets

By CLARK GRELL
SPORTS EDITOR

If one game could wash away the disappointment of home losses to Truman State and Central Missouri State, then Wednesday night's game might have been the one.

The women's basketball team scored a 60-50 win over Emporia State University in what junior center Sarah Vollertsen called the biggest win of the season for the Bearcats.

The win clinched the fourth seed in next week's MIAA tournament for the Bearcats.

Vollertsen completed her first double-double of the season, scoring 20 points and grabbing 16 rebounds.

"I wasn't shooting that well and my offensive game wasn't that great," Vollertsen said. "So I was just trying to make up for it on the defensive end."

Head coach Gene Steinmeyer said the win proves to the team they can compete with the best teams in the conference.

"We've been getting beaten by the top three teams in the conference," Steinmeyer said. "If we were going to go into the tournament challenged at all, then we had to believe in ourselves that we can beat a good team."

Steinmeyer said Emporia's shooting and Northwest's aggressiveness prevailed the

In depth: vs. Emporia St.

50	Score	59
26.7	Field goal pct.	33.3
14	3-point pct.	19
23	Total rebounds	29
	FT attempted	
	FT made	
	Turnovers	
	Bench scoring	

Bearcats to victory.

"Emporia had a tough shooting night, and they are not going to shoot like that all the time," he said. "You combine their poor shooting and our good rebounding, and that's what gave us the win."

It seemed as if the Bearcats were in trouble, not scoring their first points until the 15:18 mark of the first half when freshman Laura Friederich sunk a three-pointer.

The Bearcats jumped out to an 11-6 lead before the Hornets climbed back to take an 18-17 lead on a three-pointer by Jamie Blakely.

The Hornets ended the first half on an 8-2 run to take a 28-27 lead into the break.

But the Bearcats took over in the second half.

Northwest started the half with a 13-2 run. Vollertsen scored the 'Cats' first eight points of the half.

A layup by junior Erica Hatterman with 9:43 remaining gave the Bearcats a 12-point cushion.

The Hornets would chip away from the lead. But with more than three minutes left, (Please see "Cats" on page 2B)

Merrill highlights state meet for Spoofhounds

Senior bring home third-place medal

By COLE YOUNG
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Derek Merrill doubled his total amount of losses for the season at the state wrestling tournament last weekend in Columbia, Mo.

One. He now has two. The Maryville senior, who finished third overall at the 130-

pound weight class, lost his only match to the eventual state champion, Keith Dickey of Oak Grove. Dickey ended his career as a four-time state champ.

"Dickey was undefeated going into the match," head coach Joe Drake said. "We knew going in that, for Derek to have a chance, he was going to have to get a couple takedowns. He wasn't able to do that, but he still wrestled him well. Losing 8-0, he wrestled him as close or closer than anyone else in the tournament."

In addition to Merrill, senior Evan Dufrey, junior Joseph Drake, sophomore Skyler VanDiver and freshman Cody Gillenwater competed. While none of these wrestlers finished in the top six, all came away from the tournament with at least one win.

"I was really pleased with how they did overall," Drake said. "We had three underclassmen go, so they know now what all they have to improve in order to be successful at the state level."

As (Please see "State" on page 2B)



PHOTO BY MICHELLE DRAKE/CONTRIBUTING PHOTOGRAPHER
Freshman Cody Gillenwater is taken down by another grappler during state action in Columbia. Gillenwater won one match and lost two others.

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Northwest baseball

The Bearcats were home this past weekend. Turn to page 3B to find out how the team fared against Missouri Valley. Also find out what head coach Darin Loe expects from his team in Georgia next week.

Girls' basketball

District basketball is upon the girls' basketball team. Turn to page 2B to find out how the 'Hounds finished their regular season and who they play Monday.

Northwest track

The conference meet is Saturday for the men's and women's track teams. To find out what the head coaches are expecting from their teams, turn to page 3B.

Netters face many challenges as new season approaches

By BILL KNUST
EDITOR IN CHIEF

With the men's and women's tennis teams both returning five MIAA champions, one would figure a repeat MIAA championship is in order.

Think again. Head coach Mark Rosewell said the women's team has the talent to repeat, but the men will face a formidable challenge from Southwest Baptist University.

"Last year, (the championship) came down to the last match in the MIAA tournament, and we were fortunate to win No. 2 doubles," Rosewell said. "They picked up two more outstanding players to complement what they have, but we did too. So, I guess we'll play it and see what they have."

The newcomers on the men's side that Rosewell was referring to are No. 2 singles player Lander Panera from Alicante, Spain, and No. 3 singles player Alen Horvat from Gorisnica, Slovenia.

But the men's No. 1 player will remain the same for the third year in a row: Jon Sanchez.

The native of Algorta, Spain, placed second at the MIAA tournament last season and won the championship the year before.

Coming into this season, Sanchez has amassed a 50-11 career record as a singles player. But his biggest match came in a No. 2 doubles match at the end of the season.

Sanchez combined with senior Jarrod Smith to win the No. 2 doubles championship in the MIAA tournament and gave Northwest its second straight championship.

Smith also won the No. 5 singles title in 2001 and won the No. 6 singles title in 2000. Also returning for the men is the doubles duo junior Michal Zamiatala and Zach Keith. Senior Gorka Sanchez and junior J.J. Mulwanda, the No. 3 doubles champions also return this season.

With all the returning players, the team has set high goals, Rosewell said. "We want to win the conference

tournament again," Rosewell said. "Also, (we want to) get to the NCAA regionals. Since we changed in 1995 to a team format our women have gone every year, and our men have been twice."

The men kick off their season with a weekend match against No. 1 ranked Drury University.

Rosewell said the playing surfaces this weekend will be different than the floor of Bearcat Arena.

"Our courts are really a slow surface, it is like playing on clay," Rosewell said. "Outdoors is a lot faster, which is why we will probably go down to St. Joe's club on Friday and practice down there."

In 2000, the men's team finished the regular season 11-13 and won the MIAA Championship. The record was hampered by the fact that Rosewell scheduled the top Division II schools in the country and Division I schools as well.

"You do the best you can...I've been here 19 years and we've always played the Division I's and the outstanding teams in Division II," Rosewell said. "I feel like you have to play the best you can to get better. We could play a bunch of teams that we can beat 9-0, but that doesn't do anything for you."

Like the men, the women return five MIAA champions this year, including the No. 1 singles champion, No. 2 singles champion, No. 4 singles champion and No. 6 singles champion.

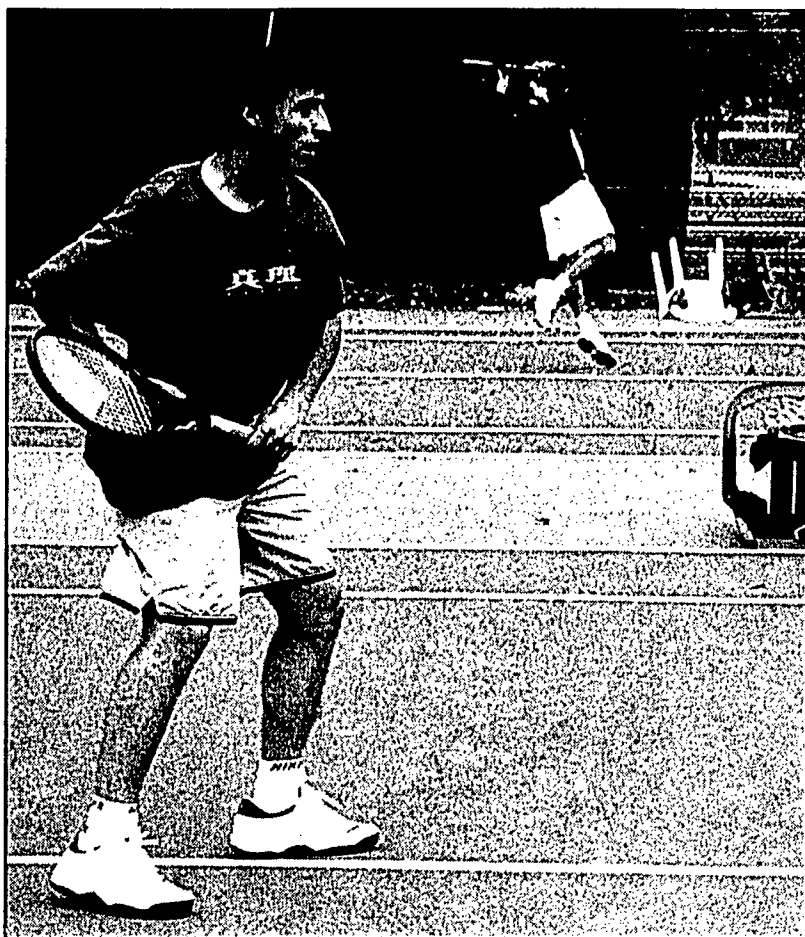
Seniors Rosa Tapia and Adrianna Hernandez won the No. 1 and No. 2 singles title. They also teamed up to win the No. 1 doubles title. Sophomores Raven Herner and Nicole Berger teamed up to win the No. 3 doubles title last season.

A newcomer to the team and candidate to take over the No. 3 spot is St. Joseph native Gena Lindsey.

Lindsey joins her St. Joseph Central High School teammates Sara Lipira and Herner.

"Talk about an outstanding freshman of the year in our league," Rosewell said. "She has a shot at that judging from what she did in the fall."

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Senior Gorka Sanchez is one of the key returners to the men's tennis team this season. Sanchez and sophomore J.J. Mulwanda return as last year's No. 3 doubles champions.

Meet the 'Cats

Men		
Alen Horvat	Jr.	Gorisnica, Slovenia
Derek Kedigh	Fr.	Blue Springs
Zach Keith	So.	Chillicothe
J.J. Mulwanda	So.	Lusaka, Zambia
Lander Panera	Jr.	Alicante, Spain
Gorka Sanchez	Jr.	Algorta, Spain
Jon Sanchez	Sr.	Algorta, Spain
Jarrod Smith	Sr.	Lee's Summit
Women		
Nicole Berger	So.	Des Moines, Iowa
Danielle Cartier	Fr.	Lee's Summit
Raven Herner	So.	St. Joseph
Adrianna Hernandez	Sr.	Mexico City, Mexico
Gena Lindsey	Fr.	St. Joseph
Sara Lipira	Jr.	St. Joseph
Jan Pendrak	Jr.	Nevada
Rosa Tapia	Jr.	Lima, Peru

Whom to keep an eye on

Sr. Jon Sanchez

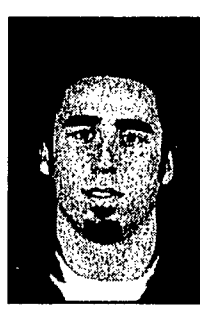
Sanchez enters his last season as Northwest's No. 1 singles player.

As a sophomore, he won the MIAA No. 2 singles championships.

He compiled a 16-4 record last season.

Sanchez has also excelled in doubles play. He and Jarrod Smith teamed to win the 2002 No. 2 Doubles Championship.

His 2002 doubles record was 15-6.



Jr. Rosa Tapia

Tapia will go into the 2003 season as the defending MIAA No. 1 Singles Champion.

She compiled a 19-5 singles record last season.

Tapia and her doubles partner Adrianna Hernandez took runner-up honors in the MIAA tournament last season.

Tapia is 41-7 in doubles in her two seasons at Northwest.



'CATS from 1B

'Cats pull upset of conference leader

Friederich drained a three-pointer to give the Bearcats an 11-point lead and the victory.

"We had our moments tonight," Friederich said. "It's time for us to start peaking, so hopefully, this is the beginning of that."

However, the game was not pretty at times. Both teams combined for 52 turnovers and shot less than 30 percent from the field.

That did not keep that Bearcats from picking up their 10th conference win of the season.

"We just remained focused," Friederich said. "We kept pushing and playing hard."

Up next for the 15-10 (10-7) Bearcats is a road trip to Missouri Western State College Saturday at 5:30 p.m. in St. Joseph. The 'Cats fell 87-72 in their last meeting.

STATE from 1B

Drake is happy with teams performance at state

a team Maryville finished in 21st place with 24 points. Oak Grove was named the state champion after scoring 225.5 points. The 'Hounds finished fourth out of Midland Empire teams behind Cameron, Chillicothe and Smithville.

"Overall we were very happy," Drake said. "Anytime you can get five guys there and let them all get a win, it comes out as a positive experience."

The outlook for next year seems bright for the 'Hounds. The only two wrestlers leaving the squad are Merrill and Dufrey. Nine wrestlers who qualified for sectionals will be coming back.

"It's going to be nice having those guys back with the state experience," Drake said. "Those guys know the attitude and commitment needed in order to go to state. Hopefully, they will be able to influence the other guys to show the same."

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ROAD WOES from 1B

Men hope to have success at Western, must do so winning in St. Joseph Saturday

the wins on the road give the team some momentum, but the result of the Emporia State game will play a bigger part in the team's confidence.

"I think it helps some," he said. "I don't know if it gives you a lot of momentum. I think a lot of that game (against Western) will depend on if we can be successful Wednesday (against Emporia State)."

If the Bearcats want to rely on past road games, then they should look no further than last year's game at Western in which Northwest came out on top, 76-70.

With the MIAA tournament only a week away, it will be a big boost if the Bearcats can win at Western, Tappmeyer said.

"There will be a lot of things that will be at stake," he said. "It's one of those games, regardless of

standings, that's big because it's a big rivalry. It will be a big game."

The Bearcats are now in second place, one game up on Western. A loss Saturday would have both teams with identical conference records.

That makes Saturday's game in St. Joseph maybe the most important road game of the season for the Bearcats.

Walker views Saturday's game no differently than any game played at Bearcat Arena.

"To me, going to Western is like a home game," he said. "We're only 30 minutes away. We feel confident about going to play in their gym, so it's like a home game."

Last December, the Bearcats defeated Western 80-74 in Bearcat Arena.

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Spoofhounds win big over Dragons, turn focus to districts

By BRIAN JOHNSON
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

After losing last Thursday at Savannah, the Maryville Spoofhounds returned home Monday to beat the Cameron Dragons 69-34.

Maryville outpowered, outmatched and outclassed Cameron every which way in the game. That was evident from the start when Maryville went on a 8-0 run to take a 10-2 lead with 5:26 remaining in the quarter.

"We came out early with some pretty good intensity," head coach Randy Cook said. "We made some things happen and got the pace to where we wanted early on."

Not only did the 'Hounds control the pace of the game, but they controlled the game as well.

Throughout the game, the 'Hounds made lay-up after lay-up, always getting an easy shot. Even when they missed shots, the 'Hounds always

got a second chance with tough rebounding.

"It was good to track down the ball on some of those," Cook said. "I thought we did a good job controlling the boards."

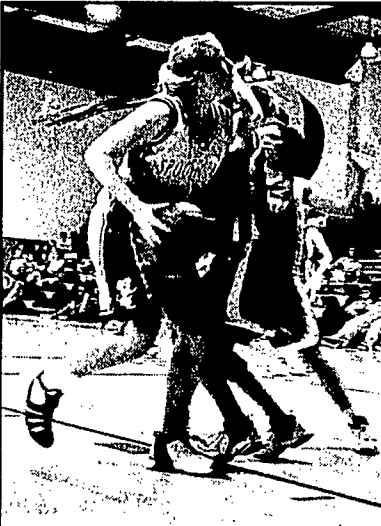
The only time Cameron scored more than ten points in a quarter was in the middle of the fourth quarter when the 'Hounds starting five were sat down for the rest of the game.

With consistency being a problem this season, did Cook think that the 'Hounds were going to dominate the way they did?

"Yes," he said. "If we showed up the way we're suppose to, then I thought we would."

Next up for the 'Hounds is the start of district play against the same Dragons. What are Cook's goals for the 'Hounds in the all important game?

"Our No. 1 goal is to do the same thing we did tonight," Cook said. "Our goal is to win districts. It's just not to play in it, or play in the cham-



FILE PHOTO

Senior Cauleen Bradley prepares to go up for two points in a game earlier this season against Chillicothe. Bradley leads the team in scoring.

But will it be harder for the 'Hounds to repeat what they did to

Class 3, district 16 bracket

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Plattsburg 8 p.m.		
Maryville		
Cameron 6:30 p.m.		

Cameron next Monday?

"I think they will come out with a little more intensity on their home court," Cook said. "If we come to play, we will be all right."

Tip-off is scheduled for 8 p.m.

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PLAYERS OF THE WEEK



Alisha Samuel

The freshman took first place honors in the 60-meter and 200-meter dashes at the CMSU Classic last weekend. She has provisionally qualified for nationals in the 60-meter dash.

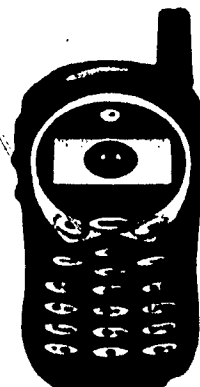
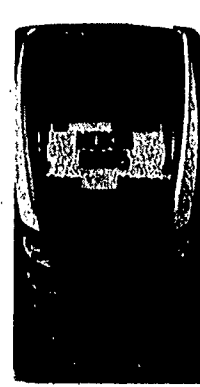
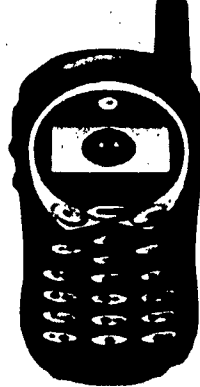
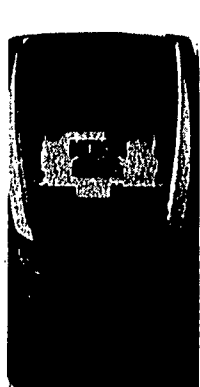
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The senior played in her final game as a Hound Monday night in a win over Cameron. Bradley has led the team in scoring numerous times and has the Hounds seeded second in districts.



Cauleen Bradley

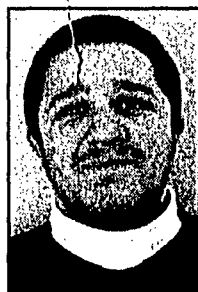
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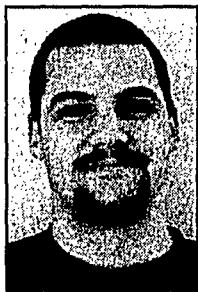
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JOHN RAYNEL
COMPUTER SCIENCE

Tracksters anticipate MIAA meet

By CLARK GRELL
SPORTS EDITOR

It may have come a little faster than some wanted, but the conference meet is upon the Northwest women's and men's track teams.

Both squads will head to Warrensburg this weekend to go against the best the MIAA has to offer.

Last week, both the men and women finished toward the top in nearly every event at the Central Missouri State University Classic. Based on those performances, men's head coach Rich Alsop is confident about his team's chances this weekend.

"We have good possibilities," he said. "You don't score points based on if your athletes are good enough. They've got to go out and do their job and step it up."

The men, who have been strong in the track and field events, will be looking for their first indoor championship since 1992.

However, they must go through conference powerhouse Central.

"They're the favorite, and I think we'll

give them a run," Alsop said. "Our kids know they can compete with Central."

Last year, the women finished fifth at the conference indoor meet. Head coach Vicki Wooton is hoping the team places in the top three this year.

"Every year since I've been here, we've been scoring more points in the conference meet," she said. "We do have the opportunity to score more than we did last year and finish higher."

Wooton said the squad is looking forward to the top indoor meet of the season for the entire team, including the seniors.

"I know they are excited," he said. "They've worked hard for four years."

Wooton said she is hoping for good performances from triple jumpers and throwers.

The meet will be the final opportunity for both teams before nationals in Boston.

"Our kids are very good competitors this year," Alsop said. "I think they will suck it up and do the best they can."

Both teams saw many good signs at the CMSU Classic over the weekend, combining for eight first-place finishes.

Freshman Alisha Samuel won the 60-meter dash with a time of 7.75 seconds and the 200-meter dash with a time of 25.8.

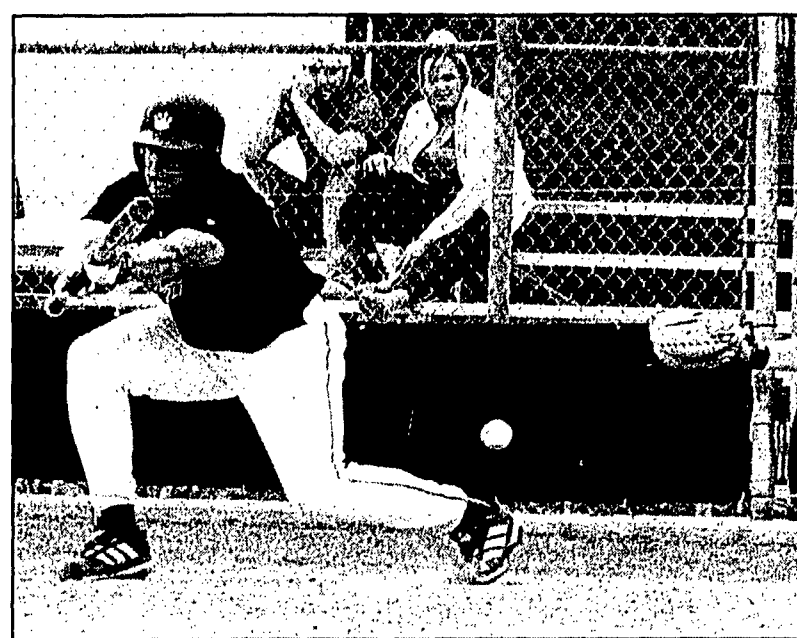
The women also claimed three of the field events. Senior Jenny Simmons won the pole vault with a height of 11 feet, 10.5 inches. Senior Jill Fisher took first place in the long jump with a leap of 17 feet, nine inches and senior Dena McMullen won the high jump with a mark of 5.5 feet, 5.75 inches.

On the men's side freshman Tyler Martin won the 400-meter dash, finishing with a time of 50.22 seconds.

Sophomore Pat Jordan provisionally qualified in the high jump, finishing third with a mark of 6 feet, 8.75 inches. Senior Ryan Miller also provisionally qualified for nationals in the pole vault. His mark of 15 feet, 5 inches placed him second in the meet.

Sophomore Clint Prange brought home second place honors in the shot put (52 feet, 6.75 inches) and sophomore Daniel McKim wrapped up first place in the weight throw (57 feet, 9.50 inches).

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FILE PHOTO
The Northwest baseball team stands at 2-2 on the season now after taking two games from Missouri Valley Saturday at Bearcat Field. The Bearcats hit the road, this time to Savannah, Ga., to take part in the Savannah Invitational.

Bearcats field back-to-back wins over Missouri Valley

By COLE YOUNG
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The Northwest baseball team will take their spring break early this year as they travel to the Savannah Invitational next week for seven games in as many days.

For head coach Darin Loe, the large amount of games in a short amount of time is just fine.

"Typically, this is when things start to come together," Loe said. "We are able to get down there and concentrate on baseball and not have any other distractions. Usually, the first game or two we have some trouble getting the bats going, but after that, we do well down there."

For the players, the change in routine means missed class, no practice and a change in climate.

"The fact that the weather is nicer gets all of us in the baseball mood a little bit," senior Brett Rust said. "When it's 30 degrees, you still want to play, but the nice weather is going to do a lot for us."

After sweeping a doubleheader against Missouri Valley, the Northwest baseball team's record now stands at 2-2. The wins came after the Bearcats were originally scheduled to travel to Arkansas for the Lyon College Classic, but the trip was cancelled due to wet field conditions.

In game one, Rust pitched a one-hit shutout against the Vikings, allowing only a first inning bunt single.

"During the whole off season I've been looking forward to this season, Rust said. "So I stayed in shape and my arm feels really good now. I just wanted to come out strong."

In the fourth inning, senior Willie Ciaramitaro was finally able to reach base for the 'Cats. Two batters later, Ciaramitaro scored what would end up being the game-winning run on a senior Mike Ruff double.

Over the next three innings, Northwest was able to expand its lead to four. Rust was able to complete the game by retiring the final three batters in order.

The second game of the day was all Northwest from the start.

Senior left fielder John Bothof

started the Bearcat's half of the first inning off with a triple. Junior Andrew Donovan also tripled in the first. Junior Michael French had an RBI double to join in the extra base hits as the Bearcats led 5-0.

Northwest wasn't finished though. In the fourth inning, the 'Cats scored an additional six runs marked by a two-run single by French. Northwest came away with the 11-0 win.

An additional highlight for the squad in the second win was the improvement in hitting for Northwest.

"Right now, we have about half our team swinging the bats pretty well," head coach Darin Loe said. "We are hoping the other half comes around when we head down to Georgia."

Northwest's first game is against Mercyhurst College on Sunday.

Game one: 4-0.

	R	H	E
MVC	0	0	0
NW	0	0	1

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO
John Bothof	3	0	0	0	2	1
Michael French	1	0	0	2	1	1
Willie Ciaramitaro	2	1	1	0	1	1
John Sipes	0	1	0	2	0	1
Andrew Donovan	2	0	0	0	1	1
Mike Ruff	2	1	1	1	0	1
Pat Whit	3	0	0	0	2	1
David Dugan	3	0	1	0	0	1
Marcus West	1	1	0	2	1	1

Pitcher	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Brett Rust	7.0	1	0	0	1	6

Game two: 11-0

	R	H	E
MVC	0	0	0
NW	5	0	6

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO
John Bothof	4	2	2	0	0	0
Michael French	4	2	3	3	0	0
Willie Ciaramitaro	3	2	2	2	1	0
John Sipes	3	1	1	0	1	1
Andrew Donovan	1	1	1	1	0	0
Pat Whit	2	1	1	0	1	1
Mike Ruff	3	1	2	0	1	1
Kyle Gallagher	3	0	0	0	0	1
Brett Jones	1	0	0	0	0	1
David Dugan	4	0	2	0	0	1
Marcus West	3	1	1	1	0	1

Pitcher	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Brian Boley	1.1	0	0	0	2	2
Jeremy Teter	3.2	6	0	0	0	2
Kanton Klopfenstein	1.0	0	0	0	0	1
David Dugan	1.0	1	0	0	0	1

Slow start hurts Spoofhounds in loss

By RYAN DELEHANT
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Scoring by quarter	1	2	3	4	Total
Maryville	7	12	8	13	40
Cameron	21	12	16	8	57

Akins said. "It reminds us of all the past games we have played here."

The 'Hounds used an 8-0 run in the last minute of the first quarter to take a 20-13 lead. Eight of the team's 20 first-quarter points came from Akins.

"When we weren't doing well we were in a hurry," head coach Mike Kuwitsky said. "We just needed to settle down and get the ball to the people that were open."

In the second quarter, the 'Hounds were able to settle down and score 14 more points to go into halftime leading 34-22.

The 'Hounds started off the third quarter with a 9-3 run. By the end of the quarter, the 'Hounds had reached their biggest lead of the game 52-29.

The Maryville boys' basketball team lost to the Cameron Dragons Monday night 57-40 at Cameron High School.

The Dragons used a 21-9 first-quarter run to help defeat the 'Hounds. With the win, the Dragons clinched a share of the Midland Empire Conference championship with Chillicothe.

Senior David Akins and sophomore Sydney Brisbane led the 'Hounds in scoring with nine points apiece.

On Friday, the 'Hounds hosted the Savages from Savannah for the last home game of the season. Akins and fellow seniors Adam Howell, Dylan Hurst and Adam Welch led the team to a 63-45 victory over Savannah at Maryville High School.

"It was fun playing our last game,"

	TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Northwest men's basketball			Missouri Western 7:30 p.m.				
Northwest women's basketball			Missouri Western 5:30 p.m.				
Northwest indoor track & field			MIAA Championships at CMSU				
Northwest baseball			Ouchita Baptist & Drake	Austin Peay			
Northwest tennis							
Maryville boys' basketball							
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Stroller fears tyranny by Regents

As the esteemed Stroller, it seems that Your Man has often been referred to as a coward in the past for hiding behind this granted traditional luxury of anonymity. But in all truthfulness, very few things strike fear in my heart, except, of course, for rattlesnakes.

Despite your Stroller's few fears, a recent development by an organization of Northwest's most highly respected campus leaders and contributors has left me frozen in terror with yet another fear: the fear of tyranny.

In these times, when the threat of war looms, antiwar protesters, including many from the Northwest campus, continue to oppose the motives of our national leaders. Often referenced in these condemnations is, in a nutshell, our president's hunger for power and world domination disguised behind claims to make the world a safer place.

As students opposed to the war continue to fight these battles in their own way through marches, peace vigils and demonstrations, it seems that a major local threat of a smaller scale has taken place directly under our noses within the Northwest Board of Regents.

With last week's proposal to the Maryville City Council to abolish all-you-can-drink specials at local bars, it's safe to say that our respected regents are attempting to take over the world, one small government at a time.

About a month after the end of a six-month "gentleman's agreement" between Maryville bar owners to do away with our beloved "drink-and-drown" specials, the Board of Regents has apparently decided to extend its power beyond our small campus and into the creation of city ordinances. And by golly, if they don't get their way, it seems that someone's gonna regret it. Scared yet?

As reported in this publication, the proposal, recommended by Northwest President Dean Hubbard, would permanently do away



The Stroller

with specials that serve patrons an unlimited number of drinks for a fixed cover charge. However, an added exception to this proposal would be for private functions within the bars "not open to the general public or the general membership of the club."

Anyone else smell a Board of Regents private function in the midst?

In addition to the threat of the Regents extending far beyond what seems to be their scope of power, it was also reported that if the city council does not pass the proposal, specials will end by any means necessary. Hubbard is quoted within the article as hinting at the threat of legal action against uncooperative bars, then justifying his actions through the belief that "We owe it to our students, our parents and our community not to be passive about it."

This has left, despite my aforementioned terror of tyranny, a few unanswered questions that have left Your Man baffled once again. While the potential for pressure from community members or the occasional parent of a drunken student is foreseeable, what outpouring of students have asked our Board of Regents not to be "passive" about this issue? Despite my keen observation skills, did I miss the throngs of students downright angered by the return of all-you-can-drink specials? Increased numbers at local bars don't seem

to display dissatisfaction.

Allow me to momentarily digress by claiming that I am not writing this because I am a fan of all-you-can-drink specials. Your Man is not a regular patron of our upscale drinking establishments. Any business where the cost of admission relies on bust size, how much skin can be revealed or how well the athletic team you play for is performing is not necessarily applauded by the high moral standards of your Stroller.

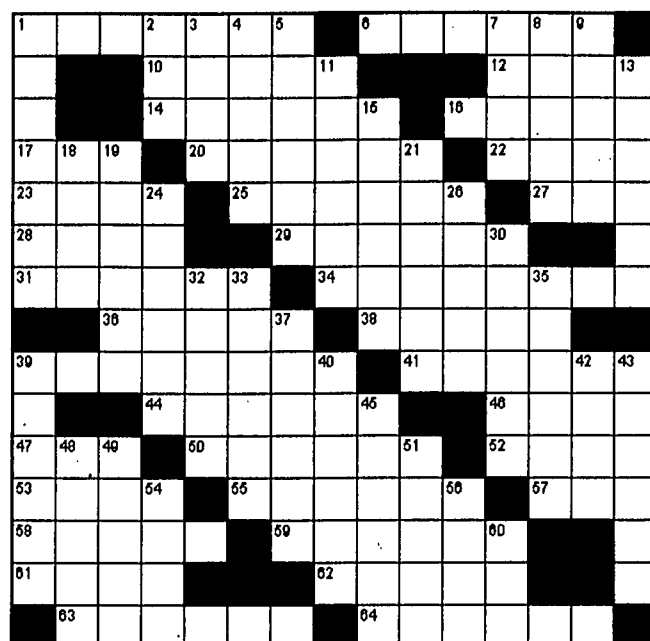
However, sleazy as they may appear to be, our local bar owners have rights as business owners. And while the city possesses a limited power to determine those rights, a campus authority does not.

Besides, perhaps alcohol consumption within the bars is not the problem. Your Man has more than once partaken in the occasional dorm room kegger here on the Northwest campus. An incident last trimester is also distinctly recalled in which a freshman was hospitalized with a dangerously high blood alcohol level after doing the majority of his partying in, you guessed it, Hudson Hall.

My message to you, Northwest, is this. While the City Council meeting in which this issue will be addressed has yet to be announced, take a stand against this proposal, whether or not you are a patron of our local bars. To your Stroller, this issue seems not to be about drinking, but instead just how far our Regents can extend their power. Even if it is purely my own paranoia, it is very clear that our leaders should learn to take baby steps in fixing their own problems before they start running marathons. And our lives.

The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of *The Northwest Missourian*.

WEEKLY CROSSWORD



Across

1. Stares
6. Brandy distilled from cherries
10. Relaxes
12. Units of conductance
14. Misplace
16. 24 sheets of paper
17. Which person
20. Baggage porter
22. One hundredth of a right angle
23. Austria

Down

25. George Willam -----, former US Senator
27. Fastener
28. Tragic Shakespearean monarch
29. E Indiana city
31. Border
34. Agamemnon's brother
36. Wrongs
38. Tunisian money
39. Plays with singing
41. Variety of goose

Across

44. Charge with gas
46. Fall in drops
47. Weep
50. Renovate
52. Member of a people of the Central African Republic
53. Hurried
55. Sterilize
57. Detective
58. Metallic compound
59. Fastens again
61. Heating fuel
62. Indian summer capital

63. Staining
64. Bovine animals

Down

1. Upper edge of the side of a vessel
2. Valued mineral
3. Den
4. German Ruhr city
5. Rarely
7. Self-satisfied
8. Bird sound
9. Greek goddesses of the seasons
11. Spinal bone
13. Rushlike plants
15. Told stories
18. Colored
19. Northern Oklahoma native Americans
21. Al fresco meal
24. Trifles
26. Tuscan city
30. Antelopes
32. More pleasant
33. Stared fiercely
35. Ark mountain
37. Dealer in slaves
39. Accident
40. Phases
42. Dreadful
43. Versatile helicopter
45. Agent inducing vomiting
48. Greased
49. Fasten
51. Most important (Opera)
54. Express excessive love
56. Dissolve
60. Posed

Answers can be found on this page

on the edge

Internet facts:

■ Butler Jeeves of the Internet site Ask Jeeves.com made his debut as a large helium balloon in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade in 2000. Jeeves was the first Internet character balloon in the famous New York parade.

■ The U.S. Congress passed laws in 1999 to discourage the practice of registering popular or trademarked Internet domain names for the sole purpose of resale for profit, although it is legal to do it with generic words or surnames.

■ Internet access in the country of Burma is restricted by anti-modem laws. Illegal possession of a modem can lead to a prison term. Public typists work at typewriters charging about 14 cents per page. On a good day, a public typist earns about \$3.50

■ There are hefty price tags on some Internet domain names. The highest-selling domain name to date, business.com, went for \$7.5 million in 1999. The buyer was eCompanies.

■ As of September 2000, San Francisco was No. 1 in the United States as the city with the highest percentage of homes with Internet access at 65.6 percent.

Source: uselesknowledge.com

Girls and Sports

By Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein



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Mar. 3 David Zollo Raccoon River

Mar. 4 Chevelle Toad Holler

Omaha

Mar. 9 The Good Life Sokol Underground

Mar. 12 Cold Ranch Bowl

Mar. 5 The Briefs El Torreon

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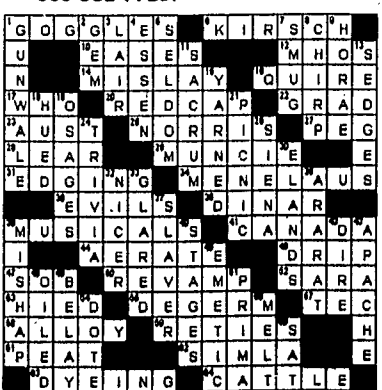
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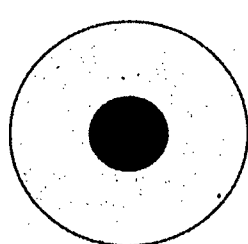
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